



Congressman John Yarmuth
FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT

▪ **College Poll Worker Grants**

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

These funds will go to programs that encourage college students to serve as poll workers. In addition to fostering student interest in the elections process, the College Program also aims to relieve poll worker shortages. A 2005 EAC report found that during the last presidential election, 5.8 percent of polling places and 4 percent of precincts did not have the minimum number of required poll workers. The College Program will also leverage the technology skills of a tech-savvy generation, as well as build a poll worker recruiting base for future elections.

Eligible Applicants: Private and public postsecondary institutions, community colleges, nonpartisan student organizations, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants are also required to furnish a letter from their local election administrator in support of their proposed program.

Deadline: April 7, 2008

Award Amount: Up to 50 awards of no less than \$10,000 each

Contact: US Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005; Juliana Milhofer or Edgardo Cortés – 866-747-1471, HAVACollegeProgram@eac.gov

▪ **Mock Election Grants**

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These grants will fund mock election programs aimed at secondary school students. The purpose of the Mock Election Program is to promote voter participation in U.S. elections, expand community involvement in the elections process, and instill in students a lifelong interest in civics. The funds must be used to operate or supplement a simulated federal elections program for secondary school students held at least five days before the November 4, 2008 presidential election. Funding may also be used to support educational activities that complement mock elections including, but not limited to: school forums and local cable call-in shows on policy issues addressed in the election; speeches and debates attended by students and parents that feature local candidates or their representatives; and quiz team competitions, mock press conferences and speech writing competitions

Eligible Applicants: State election offices and nonprofit organizations with experience holding mock elections

Deadline: April 7, 2008

Award Amount: Up to 35 awards of no less than \$10,000 each

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